



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL
INSPECTIONS
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
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Wednesday, January 27, 2016

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (16-0692)

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Present: Chairperson Barbara Bigby, Vice Chairperson Cheryl Grills Ph.D., Commissioner Donald S. Andrews, Commissioner Susan Burton, Commissioner Percy Duran III, Commissioner Keren M. Goldberg, Commissioner Eleanor R. Montañó and Commissioner Theresa Zhen

Excused: Commissioner Johanna Arias-Bhatia and Commissioner Anne S. Hill

Staff present: Roy Sinclair and Jenny Kimbell. (16-0693)

Call to Order. (16-0510)

Chairperson Bigby called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

Chairperson Bigby led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

1. Approval of the January 20, 2016 Minutes. (16-0517)

This item was continued without discussion to the February 3, 2016 SBC meeting.

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II. REPORTS

2. Chairperson's Report on various items.

- Inspection assignments (16-0511)

Chairperson Bigby provided the SBC Commissioners their inspection assignments and asked the Commissioners to review and note any discrepancies that required revisions.

During a brief discussion regarding the Commissioners' assignments, Commissioner Montañó expressed interest in inspecting four facilities that are located in the Third Supervisorial District.

Chairperson Bigby and Third District Commissioner Zhen noted that Commissioner Montañó will be inspecting the following facilities in the Third Supervisorial District:

- **Children's Homes of Southern California (two locations: Rummeymede group Home - Van Nuys, CA and Baird Group Home - Reseda, CA; Camps Miller and Gonzalez.**

3. Staff Report on Correspondence Received and Department Representative Reports. (16-0512)

There was no report presented.

4. SBC Annual Reports Ad-Hoc Committee's status report. (16-0518)

Commissioner Zhen reported that the SBC Annual Reports Ad-Hoc Committee met to discuss the outline and structure of the annual report. Further discussions will be held and an update will be provided at the February 10, 2016 SBC meeting.

5. Commissioners' Reports on Group Home and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from January 21, 2016 to January 26, 2016. (16-0513)

During the reporting period, the following group homes/facilities were reported as being in satisfactory condition:

Chairperson Bigby visited:

- **Penny Lane #6 (Balboa Boulevard, Granada Hills, CA) on January 26, 2016 and noted that Bedrooms #1, 2 and 3 need new dressers.**
- **Rosemary Children's Services "Green House" (East Green Street, Pasadena, CA) on January 22, 2016 and noted that this was**

a follow-up to her November 24, 2015 inspection. All issues were corrected.

Commissioner Andrews visited:

- Pitchess Detention Center - East (The Old Road, Castaic, CA) on January 25, 2016 and noted that the facility is very clean and there were no reports of AWOL's at this facility.

Commissioners Andrews and Montaña visited:

- Children's Homes of Southern California "Victory Group Home" (Victory Boulevard, West Hills, CA) on January 26, 2016.
- Project Six - Help Group (Saticoy Street, Van Nuys, CA) on January 22, 2016 and noted that the group home and staff is excellent.

Commissioner Montaña visited:

- Temple Sheriff Station (East Las Tunas, Temple City, CA) on January 25, 2016 and noted that the facility was very clean and painted.

Commissioner Montaña shared the following Daily Breeze newspaper article with the Commission:

- Will Oversight Panel have Clout? (January 24, 2016)

During the reporting period, the following facility was reported as being in unsatisfactory condition:

Vice Chairperson Grills, Ph.D. and Commissioner Burton visited:

- Century Regional Detention Facility (South Alameda Street, Lynwood, CA) Dorm 1200 on January 23, 2016 and noted that it can take anywhere from 10 days to 16 weeks for inmates in the High Observation Housing (HOH) Module to receive their medication; and up to 16 weeks for those inmates in the Medium Observation Housing (MOH) module. An inmate sleeps on a mattress on the floor because it's cold in the room and it takes a long time for the inmates to receive their diabetic diets. One psychologist serves all inmates.

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III. DISCUSSIONS

6. Discussion regarding the SBC's Educational Scholarship funds account. (16-0587)

A brief discussion was held regarding the scholarship funds. By consensus, the SBC Commissioners will pay their dues by May 1, 2016 in order to fund the 2016 Educational Scholarships. The funds that are being held for the Commission by the Executive Office's Fiscal Services Division will be included at that time.

Staff was directed to bring this item back for discussion at the April 6, 2016 meeting.

7. Review and Discussion of the Sybil Brand Commission's Educational Scholarship Application. (Continued from the meeting of January 20, 2016) (16-0433)

During a brief discussion, the Commission reviewed the 2015 Educational Scholarship application and provided revisions. Staff was directed to update the application and have copies available for distribution at the February 3, 2016 SBC meeting.

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8. Discussion and appropriate action regarding the Inmate Welfare Fund correspondence (IWF). (Continued from the meeting of January 20, 2016) (16-0432)

This item was continued without discussion to the February 3, 2016 SBC meeting.

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9. Discussion regarding the Los Angeles County's emergency shelters for the group homes.

- Vice Chairperson Cheryl Grills, Ph.D. (16-0519)

Vice Chairperson Grills, Ph.D. provided a brief overview of the issues facing the Emergency Shelters in Los Angeles County. She stated that there are four issues that she wanted to bring to the Commission's attention. She would like the SBC to form a Sub-Committee to look into these issues and to reach out to the Commission for Children Families to work in collaboration with the SBC.

After discussion, by common consent, Vice Chairperson Grills, Ph.D. stated that she would chair the Committee and Commissioners Zhen and Keren Goldberg volunteered to serve on the Committee.

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IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

- 10.** Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (16-0514)

There were no matters presented for a future agenda.

Public Comment

- 11.** Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (16-0515)

There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.

Adjournment

- 12.** Adjournment for the meeting of January 27, 2016. (16-0516)

There being no further business, Chairperson Bigby adjourned the meeting of January 20, 2016 at 12:04 p.m.